

### **Specification**

Please amend the specification as follows:

**[0065]** In one embodiment the biocompatible coating serves to insulate the electrical interconnects within the piezoelectric chip and is constructed using a polyimide such as PYRALIN 2721 manufactured by E.I DuPont Nemours and Company of Wilmington, Del. In other embodiments, other coatings such as biocompatible epoxies or biocompatible polymers that are preferably transparent to sound can be used in the construction of a biocompatible coating. When a photoresist material such as ~~PYRALUN~~ PYRALIN is used in the construction of the piezoelectric chip, the biocompatible coating can be applied to the entire chip and then the electrodes can be partially exposed using photoresist techniques.